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SEPTEMBER

To thee we bow, September!
Favorite month of all,
Yet comes a tinge of sadness
As leaves begin to fall.

They don their lovely colors
Of russet, gold and red.
They sadly bid each twig adieu,
Then flutter down to bed.

'Tis time to glean the harvest,
To reap the ripened grain;
'Tis time for Youth, so happy
To start to school again.

The night so cool and fragrant
With scent of goldenrod,
Sweet cosmos — stems so slender —
Lift faces up to God.

—Watson

(From Seaman Church Bulletin)

CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS

SEPTEMBER • 1954

Important Dates

1954

Sept. 5 and 6 — Pilgrim Fellowship Officers' Planning Conference at Rymph's.

Sept. 16 — Evangelism Committee and Town and Country Committee at State Parsonage.

Sept. 17 — Christian Education Committee at State Parsonage.

Sept. 19 — State Conference Loan Fund Committee and Women's Dept. Loan Fund Committee at State Parsonage.

Sept. 20 and 21 — Women's Dept. Board meeting at State Parsonage.

Sept. 21 - P.M. — Conference Social Action Committee at State Parsonage.

Sept. 22 — Leaders of Student Work. Meet at Manhattan with Dr. Bryant Drake.

Sept. 23 — Installation of the Rev. Samuel Lee at Osborne.

Sept. 25 and 26 — Laymen's Churchmanship Workshop at Emporia.

Sept. 26 — Conference Stewardship Committee meeting at Emporia

Sept. 27 — Conference Board of Trustees meeting at Emporia.

Oct. 1 — Installation of the Rev. G. Waldo Crippen at Seneca.

Oct. 5 — Southern Association Meeting at Whitewater.

Oct. 7 — Eastern Association Meeting at Kansas City Rosedale.

Oct. 10 and 11 — Western Association meeting at Great Bend.

Oct. 12, 13 and 14 — Meeting of General Council Executive Committee at Cleveland.

Oct. 19, 20 and 21 — Midwest Regional Meeting at Rockford, Illinois.

Oct. 23 — Work Day for Christ

Oct. 23 - Nov. 12 — Isely itinerary in Kansas. Write Conference office for a date in your church.

Nov. 1 — Installation of the Rev. T. Merton Rymph at Anthony.

Nov. 5 and 6 — Sr. Hi State Pilgrim Fellowship Rally at Lawrence.

Nov. 5 — World Community Day.

Nov. 14 — Suggested Every Member Canvass Sunday.

1955

Jan. 30 - Feb. 6 — Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday and Youth Week.

Jan. 31 - Feb. 4 — Chicago Minister's Week.

Feb. 15, 16, 17 — Washburn Ministers' Convocation

Feb. 23 — Beginning of Lent.

Feb. 25 — World Day of Prayer.

March 20 — One Great Hour of Sharing.

April 10 — Easter Sunday

May 3, 4 and 5 — State Conference at Garden City.

June 5-11 — Senior Camp at Wa-Shun-Ga.

June 12 - 18 — Junior Hi Camp at Wa-Shun-Ga.

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The Joy of Giving

Margaret Stillman Ogden

For some time I have been convinced that the only right way to finance a church is to give the money directly — there is no greater joy.

Tithing, of course, is the perfect way but who wants to stop with a tithe? Does the Lord give us tithingly? No, of course not. He gives us all that we will accept and use and far more than we deserve or need; far more than we appreciate or ever remember to say thank you for. This little verse by Margaret G. Hammaker is so fitting: "God does not tithe! He never measures out the colors For the sunset's glow — Oh no! And when He filled the sky I cannot think that He counted stars — One by one. He does not weigh the blades of grass, Nor say, 'Here is a tenth of heaven's spring blossoms for the earth.' When hearts in prayer be lifted up in need, He does not say, 'Make haste, my child! The tithe of all my time is nearly gone—I would be freed.' "

The little book *Financing Faith* by Harriet Harmon Dexter, should be a *must* on every church woman's reading list. It is far more vital and important than our church women want to believe. We prefer to go on ignorantly and stubbornly financing our churches in recommended ways, not wanting to change — to wake up, be really alive, forceful, intelligent church women. My husband and I have always had fun contemplating what our church would do with the increased giving there would be if every member tithed.

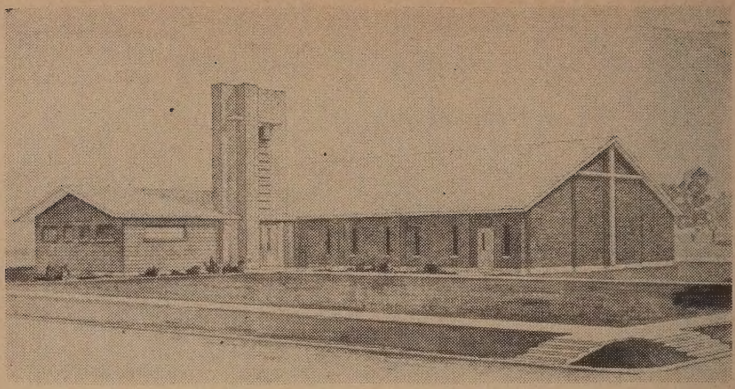
I can see a tithing church adequately supporting the mission fields. I can see the tithing church really having time to serve the Lord Jesus Christ—not always cooking up a supper to make money or having a rummage sale or the 101 approved ways of church women making money. I rejoice that there are churches who do tithe — they are the leaven.

I want to tell you about a young married couple who had really been listening to their minister's sermons. They decided they would begin life together tithing. It has worked wonders for them and it has given the church treasurer quite a jolt. He is a man of means and this young couple is giving more right now than he has *ever* given. Will his eyes really be opened or will he be like some of our church members who refuse to see or change? Pray with me that he will catch a new vision.

I know a good many people who actually do without necessities in order to tithe. Are you one?

We expect a lot from our church but what are you willing to sacrifice for Christ's sake? Mary Lyon once said, "If we give in sacred charity, and give for Christ's sake, we must give so as to feel the loss of what we give continually. I dare not tell anyone how much to give; but I have no doubt of certain great principles of which this is one, that we ought voluntarily to submit to suffer in person and in feeling for Christ."

NOTE: The above article by Mrs. S. Duane Ogden, wife of our Minister at Sabetha, is copied from Church Management.



ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
BAZINE, KANSAS
Dedicated May 22 and 23, 1954

The spirit of the church members, who built most of the new $35,000.00 structure with their own hands, is voiced in these paragraphs from the dedication service.

"Of course we do not glory in brick and stone for the church is far greater than any building. The church is a spiritual fellowship of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is in the visible church structure that we assemble that Christ might speak to us through Word and Sacrament. It is here we would jointly come into the closest of fellowship with Him who has redeemed us."

"We pray that God's blessing might rest upon us and that this church might always be open to all who seek the Lord. May it be a place where pardon, peace and power are found by many of the present and future generations."

The Rev. and Mrs. Reinhold H. Klein, leaders of the church during the building program, accepted a call to California. The Rev. Robert Neu, graduated last spring from Yankton Seminary, was called to the Bazine pastorate and began leadership August 15.

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A CHRISTIAN ANSWER TO SURPLUSES!

A bargain in Goodwill
It's 20 for 1

In Asia — The Near East — Europe
Wherever Hungry People Need Food
Your Gifts* — thru *Church World Service, Crop, Care, etc.
Will Send Them Surplus Food

— Here's How —
Each 5 bushels delivers 100 bushels of Farm Surpluses
Each 100 pounds delivers one ton
Each $10.00 delivers $200.00 of Farm Surpluses

HELP SEND
SURPLUS FOOD FROM AMERICA'S FARMS
TO THE WORLD'S HUNGRY

Mildred Isely, Guest Leader

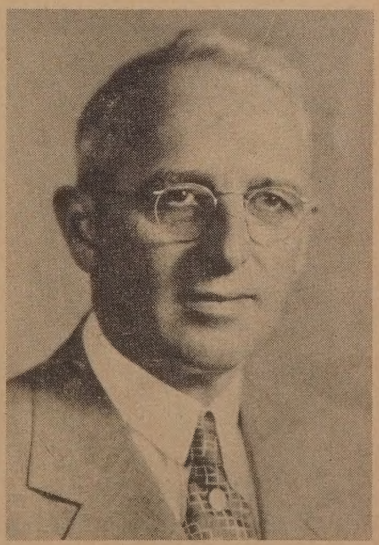
Fall Association Meetings

The Isely's

The 1954 Association meetings will feature the Rev. and Mrs. Merrill Isely, Kansas born and educated missionaries, who have been stationed at Gaziantep, Turkey for the past 34 years. At the American Board Hospital there, Mr. Isely has served as Business Manager and Mrs. Isely as dietician. However, their interest and community service has gone far beyond the walls of the hospital. They have been very active in promoting and working for a government reforestation project which is doing much to prevent erosion of farm land. Their friendship and support of a blind young man has inspired assistance to the blind across the country. Merrill and Mildred are graduates of Fairmount College and went out from Fairmount Church. Their three children, Mary Frances, Carolyn and Bill are all married and living in this country. It is a joy to welcome the Isely's back to Kansas. They will be available for speaking in Kansas Churches October 23 to November 12. Write the Conference office, giving first, second and third choice for a date in your church.

Charles S. Sowder

The Rev. Charles S. Sowder ,National Director for completion of the Church Building Loan Fund and Chairman of Resettlement for the Congregational Christian Service Committee, will be our Kansas guest for the Association Meetings also. Following his education at Harvard University, Bangor and Andover Newton Seminaries he held pastorates before serving as an Infantry Chaplain with our troops in Europe during World War II. For sometime he served as Director for Displaced Persons and Refugees with the World Council of Churches. During the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign, he was Director of Area I.



Merrill Isely, Guest Leader

Rev. Charles S. Sowder
Guest Leader

In-State Leaders

Featured also will be our Conference Moderator, the Rev. S. J. Williams, delegates to the General Council in New Haven and Association representatives on the Conference committees. A dramatic presentation "Our Christian World Mission at Work" will be presented by talent from each association.

When and Where

Southern Association will meet at Whitewater with the Rev. Louis G. Poppe and his people with Mrs. John H. Jones presiding as Moderator.

Eastern Association will meet at Kansas City Rosedale with the Rev. Ray Carlton Jones presiding as Moderator and the Rev. O. E. Bonny and his people as hosts.

Western Association will meet at Great Bend on October 10 and 11 with the Rev. Henry E. Wright and his people,. Mrs. C. E. Personnett of Lenora is Moderator.

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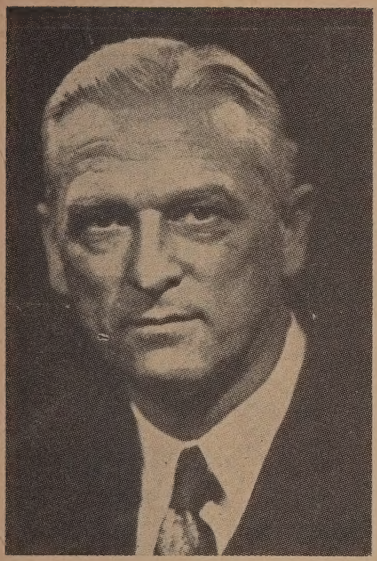
Parsonage Products

Pamelia Su Wisegarver, better known as "Pamie" is the ten year old who graces the Smith Center parsonage. Her favorite past time is playing nurse to a hospital full of dolls with various imaginary ailments. She has a more serious interest in reading all the history sketches she can find of early Congregational pioneer ventures. She serves as acolyte in Smith Center's first house of worship. She shares her father's interest in all P.F. activities and regrets that her age makes her oft-times more an observer than a participant. That time will come with the advancing years.

Her constant companion is her Daschund dog, affectionately known as Hanz, given to her by friends in their former parish, Maple Hill. He patiently endures many examinations and adjustments to gain the attention of his mistress.

Pamela Su Wisegarver



Dr. George Ogden Kirk

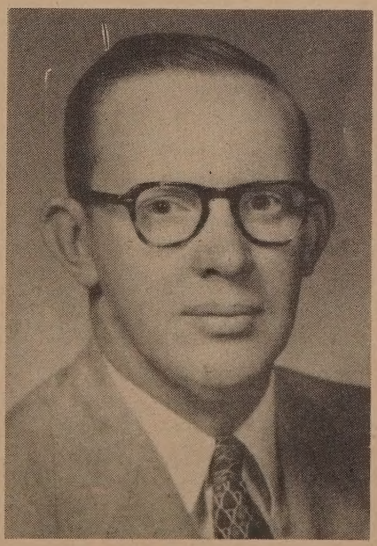
To Wichita Plymouth

Dr. George Ogden Kirk began leadership as minister of Plymouth Congregational Church, Wichita on September first, coming from the First Congregational in Chicago. He is a graduate of New York University and Drew Theological Seminary. During his twenty years in the ministry he has served three major pastorates and filled two executive positions. He will be remembered in Kansas as Guest Leader at our Association meetings in 1948 when he was serving as National Executive Secretary for Special Gifts under the Board of Home Missions. Later he was director of Public Relations for Chicago Theological Seminary. Dr. Kirk has an enviable record as an outstanding preacher, a good administrator, possessing a fine personality with a sympathetic and understanding way with people.

The Kirks have three married children, a son eleven years of age at home, and four grandchildren. They are at home in the newly purchased parsonage at 135 N. Crestway in Wichita. We are happy to welcome them to our Kansas fellowship.

To Kiowa

The Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Bloebaum with 3 year old Janis, moved into the Kiowa parsonage late in August. Mr. Bloebaum comes to us from the Disciples of Christ Church at Stamford, Texas. He received his A.B. at the University of Missouri, his B.D. at Texas Christian University, and his M.A. from the University of Kentucky. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bloebaum are fine musicians. Mrs. Bloebaum is a graduate of Texas Christian University with a major in Religious Education. We give them warm welcome to Southern Association and the larger Kansas Fellowship.



Rev. J. C. Bloebaum

Laymen's Churchmanship Workshop
to be held at
First Congregational Church, Emporia

September 25 and 26
5 p.m. Saturday to 4 p.m. Sunday
Sponsored by
Kansas Laymen's Fellowship
Carl B. Althaus, President
and
The Conference Stewardship Committee
Daniel R. Hopkins, Chairman
for
Church Officers - Deacons - Trustees
Lodging Furnished in
Emporia Church Homes
Courtesy Meals by the Conference
Guest Leaders
David Sandstrom, New York City
Dale E .Turner, Lawrence
Don't Miss
Sending a carload of your
Key Laymen

Spark Your Church Program

La Foret Conference

The fourth annual La Foret Conference for Congregational men and women was held August 5 to 11. Attending from Kansas were, Mrs. Emily Yocum and Mrs. Hazel Strouse of Little River; Eleanor Patterson and Nina Girard of Osborne; Mrs. Frank Korab of Kansas City First Pilgrim; Mrs. Donald Robertson, Mrs. Harold Hurst, Mrs. George Rinner and Mrs. Boyce Forbes of Topeka Seaman; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jones and Sally of Wichita Fairmount and Mrs. John W. Gibson of Wichita Plymouth.

Udall Improvements

During recent months a new roof has been put on the church and the steeple repainted. Fifty large chairs, 16 small chairs and two large fans were purchased. A knotty pine partition has been placed in the church kitchen along with new work tables and 2 serving windows.

Pastor Emeritus

At a special service at Udall on August 22, the title "Pastor Emeritus" was conferred upon the Rev. Harry Scott, former pastor of the church. The morning message was brought by the Rev. Stella McCoy. Following a dinner at the church, an afternoon service was shared by friends in the Cumberland Church. The Scott's who have been living in Nebraska are now making their home in Udall. The Rev. H. M. Parks is supply minister of the Udall Church.

Wichita Pilgrim - Couples Club

An organization meeting was held on August 27, sponsored by several interested couples. The social and business meeting was preceded by a swimming party in the church pool.

Get-To-Gether

Southern Association ministers and their wives met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. George Fisk in Wichita on August 30 for a get acquainted fellowship time.

Church Loan Fund

Increases Since State Conference

Lenora	$100.00
Ford	70.00
Kansas City Ruby	200.00
Newton	200.00
Wakefield	50.00
K.C. Rosedale	A Special Project
P.F. Camps	757.00

WHAT WILL YOUR CHURCH DO TOWARD KANSAS' $75,000.00 GOAL?

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. E. C. Garrison, President

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew her, the following name has been added to the Women's Department Memorial Fund Roll of Honor:

Mrs. Ida B. Herron

"In the passing of Mrs. Ida B. Herron, May 26, 1954 in Topeka, we have lost one of our pioneers in the missionary work of the state. Over 30 years ago, Mrs. Herron became an officer of our Woman's Board. That was in the days of separate Home and Foreign Boards.

As State Corresponding Secreatary, she kept in touch with all our churches and women's societies and organizations in her helpful and efficient way; writing letters constantly to advise association chairmen and society presidents how to best attain the goals set up by our National officers.

To Mrs. Herron's foresight we owe a deep debt of gratitude for bringing to fulfillment our Kansas Women's Memorial Fund. Her deep spiritual life was an inspiration to us all; she let nothing interfere with work for her Lord.

A few years ago with only a few of the old W.B.M.I. officers left, a Round Robin letter was started; all living in Kansas, but one. As the years have passed by, one by one of that group have been called Home and the remaining ones have made their "farewell flowers" into a money gift to this Memorial Fund, that the memory of that life be kept green in Kansas Women's Work.

So the influence of Mrs. Herron's kindness, generosity and faithfulness will always live in the memory of her grateful associates and countless friends."

(From one who worked side by side with her many happy years.)

Mrs. May L. Flickinger,
2424 N. 16th, Arlington, Va.

General Council Highlights

Mrs. Ralph Ewing

"If every lay person would attend a meeting of our Congregational-Christian National Council, it is my belief that never again would there be a problem about regular attendance at local churches, nor would the giving of time, talent or treasure be anything but generous.

The pleasant people, the outstanding congregational singing (with men's voices literally drowning out the women's), the amazing regular attendance of delegates at the general and group meetings were the surface joys of the week in New Haven. The inspired speakers (many of them getting the serious business spotlighted with sparkling humor), the dedicated representatives of our Mission Boards and Ministeries (many appearing even as you and I and then the dramatic ones from many other countries), and the overall impression that in numbers there was great force for good, were the deeper feelings a first-time attender brings home.

Every group has its VIP's — usually

hard to meet and often practically segregated because of planning sessions and the business of running a large meeting. Not so in New Haven. Being a woman who cares not for the fol-de-rol of so-called social gatherings, nor for the personal recognition of every little bit of work done, I thoroughly appreciated the fact that the people holding the most responsible positions were constantly mingling with the crowd and it was easy to visit a bit with them. Surely sophistication is losing ground to just good plain sincerity.

May the Congregational denomination, which, according to statistics is the wealthiest per capita, and practically at the bottom of the list in per capita giving, continue to upgrade as was indicated by a report of improvement during the last biennium. And may we lead in realizing that, whether we like it or not, we are living in a new era — we of the U. S. are 30% of the world's population and are possessors of 70% of the world's goods and wealth — and we must share our possessions, our abilities and our Christian belief with the less fortunate everywhere."

Mrs. E. C. Garrison

"As your President, I was especially impressed with the dedication of our Woman's Gift, the Truebloods as they spoke to us on "Unordained Ministers" and the interdenominational and interracial, red robed, New Haven Chorale.

I wish you could have shared with us the singing of the hymns each day with Miss Voorhees at the organ; truly it yas "like a mighty army." It was good to see and visit with Dr. Mary Cushman, bless her heart. She is trying to find a way to get back into her beloved Africa.

I attended the seminar on "The Christian and His Vocation"; sixty men and women from twenty-five states for three days of discussion; a wonderful experience. Finally, the greatest challenge was to see and hear our young people present their program, assisted by a fifty voiced Youth Choir from Manhasset, New York."

Mrs. Gordon Lancaster

"General Council was wonderful and I am thankful I was a part of it. It was more than bread, it was cake; spice cake I guess, and for me the frosting came first.

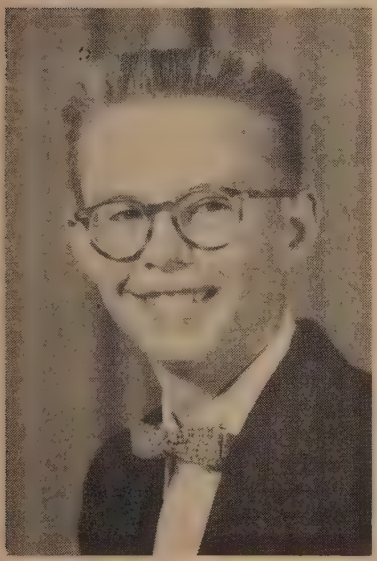
Dr. Daniel T. Niles of Ceylon furnished the frosting as leader of the Pre-Council Spiritual Life Mission. He is intelligent, an orator, and deeply spiritual. He did what must always be done to insure a "successful meeting," he brought God into the minds of those who were voting and outlining policies and procedures during the following week.

Dr. Niles said: "The Bible is a record of a continuing conversation between God and the people of God, and the subject is 'The Actions of God'." . . . "When you read the Bible you are entering a conversation that is going on." . . . "You do not become a Christian when you worship Jesus Christ; you become a Christian only when you say and believe everyone must worship Jesus Christ." . . . "God hasn't finished." . . . "It is difficult to learn to live as one who is loved." . . . "It is easier to love than to be loved." . . . "Jesus never forgets to pray for us; Jesus never forgets to pray for others; there is Someone who is praying for everyone." . . . "Jesus will bring the wounded to our door if only He can trust us."

Some of these quotations are startling, but they are rich material for meditation."

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Norman Dirks, President **Peggy Epps, Secretary**



Norman Dirks, State P.F. President

Meet Your President

Norman lives at 3742 E. Central, Wichita and is a member at Plymouth Church. He is eager to hear from as many groups as possible about suggestions and ideas you may have for a better statewide P.F. this year. Norman was a delegate to National P.F. Council in New Haven and attended the Kansas Youth Training Conference at Camp Wood.

Honors Received

Pat Miller, Topeka First, received the Eagle Boy Scout Award. He previously received the Bronze and Gold Explorer awards.

Bobby Jackson, Gorham, won a 3-day trip to St. Louis from a contest sponsored by IGA stores.

Mary Gulick, K.C. Rosedale, received a scholarship from Emporia State.

United Youth Services

Kinsley and Lawrence groups have been meeting during the summer with combined interdenominational groups.

Former P.F.er to Denver

Harry Schanker, former state P.F. president and leader, received his B.S. degree in Education from K.U. and is now teaching English in a Denver high school.

WORKDAY FOR CHRIST will be Oct. 23

Smith Center

In an earlier issue announcement was made and details given on the project to have a clean city. The Juniors have now realized success at indicated by the picture following their study on "The Christian's Obligations As A Citizen." There was still a lot of work to be done on the part of the members after approval by the city officials. Bonnie Barron and Barbara Nichols show how to operate the container.

Kay Cutting, Lenora
President, Western Association

Kay Cutting Reports Experiences

To spend a wonderful summer doing something worthwhile as well as meeting new people, seeing new country and having fun, go caravaning!

Our team traveled in the "Draggin' Wagon," a '39 Chevie. After ten days of training we spent five weeks on the road, first a week at Lorain, Ohio where we worked with the young people of the Hungarian Reformed Church. At each place, in addition to our other work we exchanged ideas and assisted the local P.F. in planning worship, programs and recreation.

At Stoughton, Mass. we worked with young people of all three churches in the town. We four caravaners and all the young people of the three churches plastered and painted the walls in "The Manse", a huge old house which is used for retreats.

Easton, Pa., our third stop was really a full week. Young people of the Grace Reformed Church and our team painted 30 Sunday School chairs. Each morning one of us gave a 15 minute devotional service on the radio and we were on T.V. one afternoon. Our fourth week was at Camp Michaux where we served as camp counselors. During the fifth week we served three small churches in Pennsylvania. We then returned to Tiffin, Ohio for three days of evaluation. Every day of the six weeks was a high light and I'd recommend caravaning to everyone. Go caravaning next summer. It's something!

Lawrence Retreats

A two-day retreat, September 10-12 at Bonner Springs was held for inspiration, program planning and just a lot of out-and-out fun and fellowship. They used the theme "Following Christ for a Better Self and a Better World."

How About A Play?

There are several good plays available. "Physician In Charge" and "That Heaven Of Freedom" have settings in India. For the "City" there are "This Thine House" and "Take Any Street". Single copies for reading may be borrowed from the Conference office. Plan early to have a play!

Program Materials

"God In Our Lives", $1.00, is for seniors. Junior Hi Kit No. 11 is recommended and is $2.50. Order from Pilgrim Press.

Films For Your Programs

Bernadette Of East Harlem, Dick's Discovery (youth in city), Happily Even After (planning before marriage), I Found a New World (Missions).

Christian Education

Pauline Bloomer, Director

The Church and Her Children

Was Johnny among the missing when you checked the new enrollments? Churches who have an interrupted summer program may have lost touch with their members. Whether it be the minister, the teacher or someone else appointed they should find out the story of Johnny's absence. There are also other Johnnys and Susies who have not been contacted by the church. Careful planning is important in making this outreach. You must have something to offer. A good church school program already in action is one of the best means. Children return where they have had good experiences. We wish to recommend for your reading and study, the pamphlet, "The Unchurched Must Be Reached." by Alice L. Goddard. Some important principles and practical steps are outlined. This pamphlet may be secured for 7 cents from the Conference Office. With Christian Education Week just around the corner why not make it a real observance on Rally Day.

Estes Park Family Camp

Kansas was represented by the following families: Charles Colby, Robert Rymph, Wichita Pilgrim; Edward Dorsett, John Wheelock, Wichita Fairmount; Paul Miller, Wichita Plymouth; Clifford Hays, Gaylord; Charles Graves (leaders), Don Maxwell, Topeka Central; Dr. Frank Merker, Topeka First (leader); Rev. Hans Poppe, Russell (leader); and Rev. Louis Poppe, Whitewater. Many enthusiastic reports have been received.

Ottawa Makes Use Of Summer

Regular teacher and officer meetings have continued throughout the summer. Supt. Martin Brockway keeps everyone informed of important events in a little newsheet with pep talks and the importance of planning together. In one he stressed the importance of three P's. — Preparation, prayer and punctuality.

La Foret Leadership Workshop

There was the mingling of newcomers and those who have returned each year. Four churches sent delegates from Kansas. Garden City, Mrs. Robert Cobb, Mrs. Paul Davis; Manhattan, Mrs. Vernon Toburen, Mrs. Harry Hicks, Mrs. Wm. Keeney; Lenora, Rev. and Mrs. James McKeeman, Mrs. C. E. Georgeson (leader); Topeka First, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pooler, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Gurtler, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Faust, Pauline Bloomer (leader). A number of children were in attendance also.

Observe Christian Education Week

September 26 - October 3 — Theme: "The Bible In the Home."

Others Are Asking For These Items

From Japan Mrs. McKnight writes they are often without candles. This is mainly due to failure of electricity. Send to: Rev. Wm. Q. McNight, 9 Kansei, Nishinomiya, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan. Each package must be limited to 11 pounds and evaulated under $4.20. They should be carefully wrapped, sent by parcel post and each must bear a parcel post sticker as well as customs declaration and should be clearly marked "gift".

Children love to make worship table covers. Miss Corrine Nordquest, 54 Langerman Drive, Kensington, Johannesburg, South Africa says it would help to brighten many a drab place of worship. At present she is on furlough and all parcels should be sent to Rev. Lee D. Bergsman. He has same address. Due to customs regulations it is hard for him to claim package otherwise. Inexpensive cloth covers about 3 feet by 4 feet with embroidered symbols or even pretty flowers would be appropriate. Each package should bear parcel post sticker and a customs declaration sticker and should be marked "gift". No parcel should be valued for more than $10.00 otherwise you must secure import permits in advance. In evaluating the limit, South African Customs considers all parcels from the same address within one month as being one parcel.

Neckties in good condition are wanted by Mrs. Paul F. Pruitt, Box 121, Davao, Philippine Islands. Send Parcel Post with Parcel Post and Customs stickers marked "gift".

Have You Elected New Officers-

If you have a new superintendent or key children's worker the Conference Office would appreciate that information in order to have the mailing lists up to date. Inaccurate mailing lists are useless and expensive.

Vacation Church School Reports

We acknowledge with appreciation the many interesting letters and reports received of the many successful vacation church schools. However, space does not permit printing. Please continue sending the reports of any interesting news, or activities in your church.

"The Young Child Starts To Church"

This five cent pamphlet is for both parent and teacher. It is excellent and we have a supply in the Conference Office.

New Nursery Materials

"At Church With Three-Year Olds" by Jessie B. Carlson replaces the course "Learning In the Nursery Class" by Eva B. McCallum. To accompany this manual are "Messages to Parents", a story book for the child, and teaching pictures which are issued quarterly.

New Audio Visual Aids

First Church Serves its Community (Social Action)
Days Of Wonder, Primary, Junior
Bernadette of East Harlem, Primary-Adult
Jimmy Finds City Friends, Primary, Junior
Dick's Discovery, Young people
Happily Even After (Planning for marriage)
Christians Worship, Pilgrim Series
Palestine In Jesus' Day, Pilgrim Series
Through the Looking Glass, (stewardship)
Let Them See (use of audio visuals)

Important Publication

"The One-Minister Church and Christian Education" is just off the press. According to the 1952 yearbook of the 5597 churches listed 4074 have less than 250 members. This indicates the place of importance of the minister

and much depends upon him for the success or failure of Christian Education in the church. Cost 25 cents.

Topeka First Into Campaign

Crowded conditions in the Church School at Topeka First prompted the appointment of a Survey Committee more than a year ago to investigate needs and ways to meet them. A Building Fund was set up at the Annual Meeting in January, 1954. On June 16 at a congregational meeting it was voted to proceed to launch a campaign to raise $100,000.00 this fall.

The Rev. Cyril M. Hicks of the Colorado Conference was secured to direct the campaign. Training sessions for about 100 lay workers will culminate on Sunday, October 3 when pledges will be taken. The plan is to add an educational wing to the present structure to cost around $150,00.00. Mr. Wayne Harding, lay chairman of the local committee, is launching the project with great understanding and enthusiasm.

Fairmount Leaders Meet

On August 25 leaders met to clear plans and dates for the church program for the year ahead. Dates of important events in the larger fellowship were secured from the state office in order that the total program of the church might be correlated. The Rev. George Fisk reports that the outlined program will be passed on to the school, P.T.A., in an effort to avoid serious conflicts. We commend this type of planning to other churches.

Attending La Foret

Kansas ministers at the Western Pastor's School at La Foret July 7 to August 4 were: Henry Eden Wright of Great Bend, John Rossel of Wichita Plymouth, Malcolm White of the Kinsley-Garfield parish, Richard Zoppel of Wichita Pilgrim, Millard Marshall of Onaga-Wheaton and C. Fosberg Hughes of Prairie Village.

Eleventh Annual Rose Festival

This very special day was held at Central Church, Topeka on June 6. Thousands of roses in beautiful arrangements covered the church narthex and sanctuary. The festival, started by the Rev. Charles W. Helsley, his first year at Central Church, has grown in popularity and beauty thru the years.

Eureka Progress

The Rev. R. Banks Blocher who began his ministry at Eureka the middle of June, has outlined and printed a very worthy program for the church in the coming months. The first issue of the Eureka Church News made its appearance August 1st.

Installation Services

A service for the Rev. Samuel R. G. Lee is to be held in the United Church at Osborne on September 23. Supt. L. M. Rymph will deliver the sermon.

Air-Conditioning

An air-conditioning unit was put into use on July 25 in the United Church at Osborne at a cost of $2100.00. Contributions more than covered the total cost, and worshippers felt amply repaid for their efforts and gifts as the heat continued to bear down during August.

Just Received

The two color filmstrips "India — My Country" and "Today In Pakistan" for this year's mission study program are now available upon request from the Conference. Reading scripts.

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"THE BEGINNING"

This forty-five minute black and white sound movie (16mm) takes you into the home of the Stryker family. They are an average urban family, owning one car and a fifteen year-old mortgage on their home. Father Stryker, his wife Margaret, and their two children make up the family. Chuck, is an impulsive and likeable teenager. Eunice, a few years older, reflects her youth, high spirits and humor. You are introduced to Kris, a student from India, who visits in their home. The story starts following a sermon which makes an impact upon the thinking of the entire family who have been taking religion as a matter of course. As this family begins to toy with the idea of tithing you will recognize some of your own feelings, some of your own misgivings. The movie is packed with drama, humor and inspiration. It is a modern Hollywood production and has a real message for every member of the church.

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Two copies of "The Beginning" are available for booking thru the Conference Office. In order to meet the demands we urge churches to plan to have an all church showing if possible. It should include Women's groups, Pilgrim Fellowship, Laymen and others. There is no charge except payment of postage. The new postal rate applies but it must be marked Sec. 34.83 (e) P.L. & R. (4 cents first pound, 1 cent each additional).

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